

What is claimed is I CLAIM:

1. (cancelled) A method of producing compost tea comprising the steps f:
2. (cancelled) Providing an apparatus comprising:
3. (cancelled) A reservoir tank of aqueous solution;
- 5 4. (cancelled) An extraction basket suspended over this tank so flow-through from this basket is collected in the reservoir tank below
5. (cancelled) Air tube runs from the reservoir to the extraction basket, is submerged at the bottom of the tank, and opens over the extraction basket apparatus.
6. (cancelled) Compressed air supply feeds air into the bottom of tube to force
10 aqueous solution up the tube and into the top of the extraction basket. Solution leaches through the basket and collects in the reservoir below. These nutrients and microbes may then be cultured to increase their concentration. This solution is compost tea.
7. (new) An apparatus for producing compost tea comprising:
a tank of aqueous solution;
15 an extraction basket positioned over the tank to permit flow through from this basket to be collected into the tank;
a fluid conduit having a first end submerged at the bottom end of the tank, and a second end positioned over the extraction basket; and
a compressed air supply operatively connected to the bottom portion of the
20 conduit to force the aqueous solution up through the conduit.
8. (new) An apparatus of Claim 7 wherein the compressed air supply further comprises a throttle means.
9. (new) A method for producing compost tea comprising:
placing compost in an extraction basket;
25 positioning the extraction basket over a tank to permit flow-through from the basket into the tank;
introducing an aqueous solution into the tank;
positioning a fluid conduit having first and second ends, the fluid conduit having a first end submerged at the bottom of the tank, and a second end positioned to
30 impinge on the compost in the extraction basket; and
supplying compressed air to the bottom portion of the conduit
to force aqueous solution up through the conduit and into the extraction basket.

10. (new) A method of Claim 9 further comprising adding nutrient to the aqueous solution.
11. (new) A method of Claim 10 wherein the nutrient comprises sugar.